



## **SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN**



### **PIZZA PAN JACK**

On July 29, 2009, an accident occurred at an underground mine involving a shuttle car operator. The miner was installing “pizza pan” jacks, when one fell, striking him on the left foot, resulting in fractures of his toes. Two other miners were assisting with the installation of the jacks but were uninjured.

The jack that was stored on the right rib fell causing the injury. The miner was treated at the scene then transported to the surface and then to the Lonesome Pine Hospital by company vehicle. Later the same day, he was transported to Holston Valley Hospital by ambulance for further evaluation and treatment.

Surgery was performed the following day to repair fractures to each of his five toes.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Metatarsal boots may prevent or reduce the seriousness of injuries to the feet caused by falling objects.
2. Materials, such as jacks, should be stored in a flat position until installed to prevent them from falling.
3. Always communicate your intentions when installing any supports that can fall and injure other miners.

### **ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM**